

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A covered food storage container having a food cutting board surface therein, the covered container comprising:
 - (A) a food storage container defining an open top; and
 - (B) a cover unit including
 - (a) a cover configured and dimensioned to close said open top, the cover including a bottom surface that faces downwardly into said food storage container when said cover is disposed to close said open top of said food storage container; and
 - (b) a food cutting board secured to said bottom surface of said cover for movement therewith as a unit, said cover including inwardly extending lips for securing said food cutting board to said cover;
said cover unit being movable between
 - (i) a covering orientation wherein said cover is removably secured to said container to close said open top thereof, with said cutting board being disposed entirely within the covered container, and
 - (ii) a cutting board orientation wherein said cover is removed from said container so as to expose said open top thereof and inverted so as to enable cutting on said cutting board.
2. (previously presented) The covered container of Claim 1 wherein said container and said cover are formed of a first plastic, and said cutting board is formed of a material harder than said first plastic.
3. (previously presented) The covered container of Claim 1 wherein said cutting board is manually separable from said cover.

4. (previously presented) The covered container of Claim 1 wherein said cover additionally defines spout means extending from adjacent said cutting board to a location remotely spaced from said cover to facilitate manual movement of cut food from said cutting board to a remote location.

5. (previously presented) The covered container of Claim 1 wherein said cutting board defines peripheral recesses configured and dimensioned to releasably receive said lips.

6. (previously presented) The covered container of Claim 1 wherein said inwardly extending lips extend below and overlap said cutting board.

7. (previously presented) The covered container of Claim 1 wherein said cutting board is more rigid than said cover.

8. (previously presented) A covered food storage container having a food cutting board therein, the covered container comprising:

- (A) a food storage container defining an open top; and
- (B) a cover unit including
 - (a) a cover configured and dimensioned to close said open top; and
 - (b) a food cutting board releasably secured to said cover for movement therewith as a unit;

said cover unit being movable between

(i) a covering orientation wherein said cover is removably secured to said container to close said open top thereof, with said cutting board being disposed entirely within the covered container, and

(ii) a cutting board orientation wherein said cover is removed from said container so as to expose said open top thereof and inverted so as to enable cutting on said cutting board;

said container and said cover being formed of a first plastic, and said cutting board being formed of a material harder than said first plastic;

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said cover additionally defining spout means extending from adjacent said cutting board to a location remotely spaced therefrom to facilitate manual movement of cut food from said cutting board to a remote location.